

a first connector having a first insulating housing with first contacts, and a first shielding shell that is externally mounted on first insulating housing,

a second connector mated to the first connector, the second connector having a second insulating housing with second contacts, and a second shielding shell that is mounted on the second insulating housing,

the first connector has a latching arm with a first engaging part, the first engaging part is electrically connected to the first shielding shell,

the second connector has a second engaging part which is electrically connected to the second shielding shell, the second engaging part engages with the first engaging part of the latching arm to provide a locking and electrical engagement therebetween, and

the first and second shielding shells respectively have a plurality of first and second contact parts which are disposed in an array arranged perpendicular to the mating direction of the first and second connectors, the first and second contact parts contact each other when the first and second connectors are mated;

the first engaging part of the first connector and the second engaging part of the second connector being one of the first and second contact parts,

whereby the plurality of the first and second contact parts are each disposed at equal spacing relative to each other along the direction perpendicular to the direction of mating of the first and second connectors.

5. The electrical connector assembly as recited in Claim 4, wherein the second engaging part of the second connector is an anchoring projection which is caused to protrude from the second shielding shell, the anchoring projection engages the engaging hole.

6. An electrical connector comprising:

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an insulating housing that holds contacts, a shielding shell that is externally mounted on the insulating housing, and a conductive latching arm that is disposed on the outside of the shielding shell for engagement with a mating connector,

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the latching arm having a front end fastened to an end portion of the shielding shell, and whose rear end is held so that the rear end can slide on a surface of the shielding shell, the latching arm has an engaging part which is located near the front end of the latching arm, the engaging part cooperates with a mating engaging part of the mating connector, the latching arm has a pressing part which is located on the rear part of the latching arm.

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8. The electrical connector as recited in Claim 7, wherein the engaging part of the latching arm which has an engaging hole that is formed in a forward-facing surface of the latching arm.

9. The electrical connector as recited in Claim 8, wherein the pressing part is located on a rearward-facing surface of the latching arm, the pressing part is inclined toward the rear of the latching arm.

10. The electrical connector as recited in Claim 9, wherein a covering enclosure is formed on the outside of the shielding shell with an end portion of the shielding shell being exposed, the covering enclosure has finger-catch part on the rearward-facing surface that is engageable to push the rearward-facing surface.